

## **Parks Committee Minutes Village of Shorewood Hills**

Monday, April 11, 2016  
Village Hall - 810 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 by committee chair Anne Readel.
  - a. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Georgene Stratman, Kathie Brock, Sue Denholm, Roma Lenehan, and Anne Readel. Others Present: Village Forester Corey George.
  - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
  - c. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. **Arbor Day & Love Madison Events.** For Arbor Day, the Committee discussed planting bushes along the ski hill, which would be easier for children to plant than trees. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class (approximately 50 children) is expected to participate this year. The Committee also discussed potentially creating a garden plot where the children could plant edible flowers and plants. For Love Madison, the Committee discussed providing volunteers with various activities, including planting trees and bushes along the Village entrance on Oxford Road, pulling garlic mustard and dame's rocket from Quarry Park, trash pickup, and replanting certain plants along the Post Farm Park bike path.
3. **Post Farm Park Projects.** First, some of the plants along the bike path were not planted to specifications by the landscaper. As a result, some of the trees have died or are planted too close to each other. The landscaper replaced many of dead trees last year but some of the replacement trees have also died. The Committee discussed possibly transplanting a few healthy trees that are planted too closely together in order to fill the gaps left by dead trees. Second, the Committee acknowledged that a portion of the chain link fence between Marshall Court and the park has fallen down. The Committee determined that the fence would need to be repaired because there is a large drop on the other side. Third, the Committee discussed adding wood chips and a rock border or split rail fence on or along some of the walking paths to help protect native vegetation.
4. **Bird City Status.** The Village was again approved as a Bird City and will receive a new certificate.
5. **Parks Encroachment Letter.** Sue informed the Committee that the parks encroachment letter was printed and would be sent out to Village residents this week.
6. **Entrance Park (West) Landscape Project.** Corey informed the Committee that the landscape project would not be done this year due to lack of budget.
7. **Adjourned.** The Committee adjourned at 6:59 pm.